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TO : Chief, ☐ ☐

FROM : Chief of Station, ☐ ☐

SUBJECT : GENERAL - Operational  
SPECIFIC - ☐ ☐

Refer to cc: WPA-8687

DATE: 18 September 1952

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1. Forwarded herewith is another batch of wastepaper basket material picked up from ☐ ☐ The pur ported sources/~~indicated~~ on the enclosed manifest with comments on individual letters. These comments are attributed to URBAN.

2. In view of the fact that WPA-8687 has given some evaluation of this operation the writer took the opportunity to discuss the project with ☐ ☐ in hopes further details regarding the operation might be revealed. According to ☐ ☐ his operation which runs through Josef Adolf URBAN for the French and British consists of a team of five people who pick up material from the various garrisons and barracks. As you know all the material received from this operation is seen not by the French but goes to the British for retention. According to ☐ ☐ the British evaluation of this material is good. They make a detailed analysis and send him a report of their evaluation on each batch. The evaluation takes the following form: (a) They indicate the material which is of special interest or great value, (b) Other material they evaluate as being of interest, (c) and their final classification is material they find of moderate interest. He states that these evaluations vary from batch to batch. Their last evaluation for the batch which was delivered a month ago was one document of great value, 5 or 6 of special interest and of value, 10 or 15 of moderate value, and the rest of the material was of no particular interest. He stated that, of course, the British receive twice as much as we are getting in as much as they receive the efforts of five people while we only receive the efforts of two people.

3. ☐ ☐ again reiterated that URBAN has two people employed whose efforts are specially for us and that he is in a position to expand the operation if we so desire. ☐ ☐ stated that he can put two more men collecting wastepaper basket material specifically for us if we so desire. The cost of the addition of these two men to the net would be approximately 6500 Austrian schillings per month.

4. We wonder in view of paragraph 2 of the introduction to the reference whether or not Headquarters could desire that we instruct URBAN to step up his

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operation in order that we might be in a better position to evaluate and crosscheck it. From our point of vantage it would seem that this would be a good idea, but we do not have access to all the other material needed to make a sound decision. We ask that Headquarters advise us in this matter by cable. [ ] stated that it would be about four weeks after we gave him the word before we would receive additional material. This explanation by [ ] in itself might be of assistance to Headquarters in analyzing and pinning down this operation. The [ ] budget as we know it can bear this additional expenditure without alteration.

5. [ ] states that he does not know the names of either the 5 sub-agents purported by UREAN to be working for him in behalf of the French and British, nor does he know the names of the 2 working supposedly in our behalf. He did, however, state that he has known UREAN for years. If Headquarters would like, the writer can question him as to UREAN's background and report the details with the hopes that it may give a clue or additional information of value to a more conclusive check on the value of the operation.

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